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ASSISTANCE TO CO OPERATIVE BANKS BY NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes launched by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development NABARD) for providing assistance to Co-operative Banks functioning in rural areas, State-wise;

(b) whether the desired results have been achieved from such assistance; and

(c) if so, the achievements made during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (c) : The schemes launched by NABARD are uniformly applicable to all States and Union Territories. Refinance assistance from NABARD is available to Cooperative Banks both under Short Term for Production Credit and Long Term for Investment Credit. The Short Term Credit Scheme includes Seasonal Agricultural Operations (SAO), marketing of crops, Procurement, stocking and distribution of Chemical Fertilisers and other agricultural inputs, financing of Pisciculture activities, Rural artisans including Weaver members of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS)/Large Adivasi Multi Purpose Societies (LAMPS)/Farmers Service Societies (FSS) etc. The Long Term Refinance for Investment Credit includes Automatic Refinance Facility, and Pre-sanction procedure under Farm Sector and Enterprise Loan Scheme, Rural Housing Scheme, Small Road and Water Transport Operators Scheme under Rural Non Farm Sector. Besides, Cooperative Banks were encouraged to issue Kisan Credit Cards(KCC), Swarojgar Credit Cards (SCC) for which NABARD provides refinance assistance. Further, under Self Help Group Bank Linkage programme, NABARD has extended support to Cooperative Banks to function as Self Help Promoting Institutions (SHPIs). The relevant data for the three years is as undents, in crore)

Year	Ground Level Credit provided by Coop. Banks	Refinance provided by NABARD
2003-04	26.959	10,477
2004-05	31,231	12,327
2005-06	39,404	12,745

From the above, it can be seen that the schemes introduced by NABARD and particularly the Refinance Scheme for augmenting the resources of co-operative banks have helped cooperative banks to improve the credit flow .